

Rewarding Work

- **Tonight, I am proud to report that more than 21,000 people have gone through our Food Stamp Employment Training program and are working in Wisconsin.** Since it began in April of 2015, nearly 50,000 (48,537) have enrolled in our FSET program and Over 21,154 people have entered employment through our FSET program. (Wisconsin Department of Health Services, [Cumulative FSET Data](#))
- **The number of people on the state's W-2 welfare program dropped 27% - to near historic lows.** The January 2016 (6,547) to December 2016 (6,450) caseload decline is 27.3%. The historic caseload low was 5,949 in April of 2007. (Department of Children and Families, W-2 Caseload, 1/2016 - 12/2016, 4/2007)
- **Continuing Unemployment insurance claims are at a 40 year low.** 2016 Average weekly continued UI claims at 41,548 were the lowest since 1976, the oldest data available. (Department of Workforce Development, 2016 UI Continuing Insurance Claims, 1976 - 12/2016)
- **We now require adults on public assistance, who are able to work, and do not have children at home, to be employed or enrolled in our job training programs, looking for work at least five times a week and be able to pass a drug test.** If someone fails the test, we help them with rehabilitation, so they can get clean and ready to enter the workforce. (Wisconsin Department of Health Services, FoodShare Employment and Training (FSET), Accessed 12/31/16; [Press Release](#), Governor Scott Walker Approves Scope Statements Relating to Entitlement Reform, 9/8/15; "[Part 4: Work Search: Registration for Work: Re-Employment Services](#)," Department of Workforce Development, Accessed 12/31/16)
- **In 2017, we are going to push the federal government to allow Wisconsin to go even further - to be a leader once again on welfare reform.** ("Letter from Governor Scott Walker to President-elect Donald J. Trump," [Office of the Governor](#), 12/20/2016)